



THE SECOND
BC Aboriginal
BUSINESS AWARDS

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NOMINATION FORM

NOMINEE: *(An individual or business may self-submit or be nominated)*

NAME:

ADDRESS:

EMAIL:

TEL:

IDENTITY: FIRST NATION

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COMPANY NAME:

COMPANY ADDRESS:

NOMINATOR: (IF APPLICABLE)

NAME:

ORGANIZATION:

ADDRESS:

E-MAIL:

TEL:

CATEGORY: (please select one)

- Aboriginal Business of the Year Awards
Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal owned and operated.
- one-to-two person enterprise
 - two-to-ten person enterprise
 - 10 persons or more enterprise
- Young Female Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Young Male Aboriginal Entrepreneur of the Year Award
- Aboriginal Community-Owned Business of the Year Award
Businesses must be 100 per cent community-owned to be eligible for this award.
- Aboriginal Joint Venture Business of the Year Award
If your business is entering the Joint Venture award category, please include the following information about the business with which you partner.

COMPANY NAME:

COMPANY ADDRESS:

CONTACT PERSON:

E-MAIL:

TEL:

FAX:

WEBSITE:

NOMINATION PACKAGE REQUIREMENTS

Please note that all materials received are strictly confidential between the BC Achievement Foundation and the nominee (and nominator, if applicable). Please ensure that you have included the following:

- ✓ Completed nomination form
- ✓ A Business Statement containing two sections (each section up to 250 words)
 - Section one:** explanatory statement on the nature/purpose of your business (*see below*)
 - Section two:** overview of your business (*see below*)
- ✓ Two reference letters from individuals who can describe the impact and value of your business.
- ✓ Supporting documents – up to five additional pages of further testimonials, career resume, certificates, media coverage may be submitted in the nomination package. Please do not include videos.

BUSINESS STATEMENT

SECTION ONE: NATURE/PURPOSE OF BUSINESS

Briefly explain the business, describing its influences and challenges including a description of its organizational environment and relationships. The judges need to have an understanding of the business to evaluate the submission guided by its viability, sustainability and competitiveness. Please ensure the business' ownership structure is clearly articulated and that the following information is included.

- Number of employees:
- Number of Aboriginal employees:
- Revenue: (Please provide revenue information for the past two years)
- Number of years in operation:

BUSINESS STATEMENT

SECTION TWO: OVERVIEW OF BUSINESS

Briefly explain the business, describing its influences and challenges including a description of its organizational environment and relationships. We expect entrants to be good corporate citizens with accomplishments in areas such as environmental responsibility and sound employee relations (up to 250 words).

Please send your completed nomination form and all supporting documents to:

THE BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARDS

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation
c/o 6209 Angus Drive,

Vancouver, BC V6M 3P2

Website: www.bcachievement.com

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Toll-free: 1-866-882.6088 Telephone: 604.261.9777

Deadline for Submissions: September 24, 2010

ABOUT THE AWARDS



The British Columbia Aboriginal Awards celebrate the province's Aboriginal business sector and its contribution to the provincial economy.

The awards recognize business acumen in seven categories. An independent jury representing Aboriginal business expertise will review nominations and select recipients in accordance with the awards' criteria. A gala celebration in December 2010 will honour the award recipients.

All Aboriginal people involved in business in British Columbia should consider entering these awards.

Whether you are a small business owner or a sole proprietor running a business out of your home, managing a large staff of a community-owned enterprise or creating opportunities through a joint venture agreement, or you are growing a business from the ground up as an entrepreneur, these awards will recognize and celebrate your achievements.

The award categories allow for the unique strengths and diversity within the business community and recognize motivation, focus and achievable goals. BC Aboriginal Business Awards' recipients will serve as examples of excellence and inspiration while showcasing best practices to be shared amongst all business people, whether they are those already involved in business or those considering a business career.

CATEGORIES

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Businesses must be at least 51 per cent Aboriginal-owned and operated.

The Business of the Year Award recognizes business achievement and celebrates the entrepreneurial spirit in three categories:

- one-to-two person enterprise
- two-to-10 person enterprise
- 10 or more person enterprise

YOUNG FEMALE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR YOUNG MALE ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR

The Young Entrepreneur Award recognizes achieved success in the start-up and operation of a new or existing business. Entrants must be under 30 and awards will be presented to both a male and female youth entrepreneur of the year.

COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR AWARD

To be eligible for this award, businesses must be 100 per cent community-owned. The award will celebrate the contribution this unique business undertaking has made to capacity building and strong economic foundations in British Columbia's Aboriginal communities and in the wider economy.

JOINT VENTURE OF THE YEAR AWARD

The Joint Venture Award promotes and celebrates efforts that contribute to the economic well-being of the area; increase the employment of Aboriginal people; provide learning or training opportunities to Aboriginal people and businesses; and show a commitment to the community in which they operate. The joint venture can be with either an Aboriginal or non-Aboriginal partner.

ELIGIBILITY

- All nominees must be Aboriginal (First Nations, Métis, or Inuit).
- Individuals are welcome to nominate themselves for a BC Aboriginal Business Award or be nominated by a second party.
- You may enter only one category.
- Please ensure that if you are nominating a business or a business person for an award that you have the business' or business person's approval for the nomination.
- If unsuccessful, an entrant may re-apply the next year or in following years.
- Non-profit or charitable groups, government agencies and institutions are not eligible for these awards.

CRITERIA

The jury panel will evaluate submissions guided by the viability, sustainability and competitiveness of your business.

SELECTION

An independent panel of judges representing Aboriginal business expertise throughout British Columbia will adjudicate the BC Aboriginal Business Awards. The judges' panel will be solely responsible for the review, evaluation and selection of award recipients.

WHY NOMINATE/PARTICIPATE IN A BC ABORIGINAL BUSINESS AWARD?

In British Columbia's competitive and changing marketplace, it is important to focus on ways to set your business apart from the rest. Recognition by your peers and the community will position your business as a leader to current and potential customers, as well as to your employees and the community-at-large.



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CONGRATULATIONS TO THE 2009 INAUGURAL AWARD RECIPIENTS

YOUNG FEMALE ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR:

Recipient: Cristy Johnson, Cristy's Jewelry Designs, Victoria

YOUNG MALE ABORIGINAL ENTREPRENEUR OF THE YEAR:

Recipient: Jacob Beaton, CopperMoon Communications Inc., Hazelton

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT:

Dean Cloutier, Shrapnel Designs, Vancouver

Alano Edzerza, Edzerza Gallery, Vancouver

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - ONE TO TWO PERSON ENTERPRISE:

Recipient: Tryna Gower Photography, Dawson Creek

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT:

Artifaax, Vancouver

Bikram's Yoga College of India, North Vancouver

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - TWO TO 10 PERSON ENTERPRISE:

Recipient: Chase Office Interiors Inc., West Vancouver

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT:

Little Miss Chief Gourmet Products, Westbank

Wind Spirit Art Gallery, Powell River

BUSINESS OF THE YEAR - 10 OR MORE PERSON ENTERPRISE:

Tie - Recipients: BC General Contracting Inc., Westbank; and Tin Wis Best Western Resort, Tofino

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT:

Chinook Cove Contracting Ltd., Kamloops

Paul Paquette and Sons Contracting Ltd., Chetwynd

COMMUNITY-OWNED BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

Recipient: Metlakatla Development Corporation, Prince Rupert

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT:

Doig River Energy Ltd., Fort St. John

Ivy Green Husky, Ladysmith

Pine Acres Home, Westbank

JOINT VENTURE BUSINESS OF THE YEAR:

Recipient: Nicola Pacific Forest Products Ltd., Merritt

Partner – Ardeu Wood Products Ltd.

OUTSTANDING BUSINESS ACHIEVEMENT:

Referral Tracking System: Neskonlith and Adams Lake Bands Partner - DR Systems Inc.

Takaya Development Ltd Partnership: Burrard Indian Band Partner – Native Strategic Investments

INDIVIDUAL ACHIEVEMENT AWARD RECIPIENTS:

Dorothy Grant

Angelique Merasty Levac

THE BC ACHIEVEMENT FOUNDATION

The British Columbia Achievement Foundation was established and endowed by the Province of British Columbia in 2003 to celebrate excellence and achievement in the arts, humanities, enterprise and community service. As well as the BC Aboriginal Business Awards, the Foundation offers the BC Community Achievement Awards, the BC National Award for Canadian Non-Fiction, The Carter Wosk BC Creative Achievement Awards for Applied and Design and the BC Creative Achievement Awards for First Nations' Art.